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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 October 2008.
2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-52 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-29, 42-44 and 47-49 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☒ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13, 30-41, 45-46 and 50-52 is/are rejected.
7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/22/03.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) ☐ Other: _____

Part III DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-52 are pending in this application. Applicant's election of claims 1-13,30-41 and 45-46 in the reply filed on 10/16/08 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4, 6-11, 13 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hasegawa (5,534,974).

With regard to claim 1, Hasegawa teaches a method of limiting access to a media tray comprising: defining a target pass code (e.g. tray ID) associated with a media tray; and restricting access to the media tray to print jobs associated with job pass codes (e.g. job ID or user ID) having the target pass code (reads on figs. 2-8).

With regard to claim 2, Hasegawa further teaches wherein defining the target pass code includes selecting the media tray and entering the target pass code via a user interface (e.g. reads on fig. 1, item 110 and figs. 2-8).

With regard to claim 3, Hasegawa further teaches wherein selecting the media tray includes loading the media tray (e.g. reads on fig. 2-3).

With regard to claim 4, Hasegawa further teaches wherein defining the target pass code further includes, upon selecting the media tray, requesting a target pass code be entered via the user interface (reads on figs. 2-8).

With regard to claim 5, Hasegawa further teaches 5 wherein, defining the target pass code includes sensing a characteristic of media in the media tray, and automatically setting the target pass code based on the sensed characteristic (reads on figs. 2-8, the characteristic being the paper size).

With regard to claim 6, Hasegawa further teaches receiving a print job accompanied by the job pass code (e.g. col. 6, lines 59-67, user ID or job instruction).

With regard to claim 7, Hasegawa further teaches where the print job is not accompanied by the job pass code, prompting entry of the job pass code (reads on fig. 7).

With regard to claim 8, Hasegawa further teaches wherein prompting entry of the job pass code includes prompting display of a message requesting entry of the job pass code on a print job originator (reads on fig. 7).

With regard to claim 9, Hasegawa further teaches receiving the job pass code from the print job originator (reads on fig. 7).

With regard to claim 10, Hasegawa further teaches receiving the job pass code via a control panel associated with the print job originator (reads on figs. 6-8)

With regard to claim 11, Hasegawa further teaches restricting access to the media tray includes: comparing the job pass code to the target pass code; and permitting the print job access to the selected media tray when the job pass code corresponds with the target pass code (reads on figs. 6-8).

With regard to claim 12, Hasegawa further teaches receiving a selection of a media tray from a print job originator; requesting confirmation of a characteristic of the print job corresponding to the selected media tray; and upon receiving confirmation, setting the job pass code to have a predefined relationship with the target pass code (reads on figs. 2-8).

With regard to claim 13, Hasegawa further teaches requesting confirmation of a characteristic of the print job includes broadcasting the characteristic to the print job originator (reads on fig. 4, which allows the system to inform the user)

With regard to claim 50, Hasegawa further teaches wherein the job pass code includes an alphanumeric string (reads on figs. 2-4).

With regard to claim 51, Hasegawa further teaches wherein the target pass code includes an alphanumeric character string (reads on figs. 2-4).

With regard to claim 52, Hasegawa further teaches providing a screen prompt in a user interface associated with the media tray on a network terminal in communication with a printing device that includes the media tray (reads on figs. 2-8 and col. 4, lines 21-29) .

With regard to claims 30-41 and 45-46, the limitations of claims 30-41 and 45-46 asre covered by the limitations of claims 1-13 above.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Anderson et al. (6,850,337) teaches methods and arrangement for proving and using printer configuration status information.

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gabriel I. Garcia whose telephone number is (571) 272-7434. The Examiner can normally be reached Monday-Thursday from 7:30 AM-6:00 PM. The fax phone number for this group is (571) 273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward L. Coles can be reached on (571) 272-7402. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-2600.

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